



Butte-Glenn Community College District  
3536 Butte Campus Drive  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2024 | 3:00 P.M.

District Board Room  
Student and Administrative Services Building

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The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 3:00 P.M., in the District Board Room at Butte College in Oroville, California.

**Board Members Present** Mr. Eugene Massa, President  
Mr. William McGinnis, Vice President  
Mr. John Blacklock, Clerk  
Mr. Mike Boeger  
Mr. John Dahlmeier  
Mr. Rick Krepelka  
Mr. John Nock  
Ms. Liz Heaton, Student Trustee

**Board Members Absent** None

**Staff Members Present** Ms. Virginia L. Guleff, Superintendent/President  
Mr. Andy Suleski, Asst Superintendent/Vice President  
Mr. Erik Shearer, Vice President  
Mr. Brad Zuniga, Interim Vice President  
Dr. Jess Vickery, Academic Senate President  
Mr. Chris Westbay, Classified Senate President  
Ms. Melissa Cafferata-Ainsworth, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees

**Guests** None

### Pledge of Allegiance

Board Vice President McGinnis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Board Clerk Blacklock, seconded by Trustee Krepelka, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Student Trustee – aye.

### 2. Communications from the Public – Consent Agenda

There were no public comments.

### 3. Approval of Consent Agenda, Items 3.1-3.8

It was moved by Trustee Nock, seconded by Board Vice President McGinnis, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously. Student Trustee – aye.

#### 4. **Reports**

##### Academic Senate President's Report – Jess Vickery

Academic Senate President Vickery indicated that the Academic Senate has not met since the last Board of Trustees meeting but participated in several professional development activities during Flex week. The Senate held their pre-semester trainings in parliamentary procedures and Brown Act compliance as well as their CTE caucus to discuss current initiatives and concerns from Career and Technical Education faculty. The Academic Assembly received updates from offices and constituencies across campus including the Offices of Instruction and Student Services; the Senate's standing sub-committees such as Curriculum, Distance Education, and Professional Development; and the Diversity Committee. The Senate also continued its ongoing discussion of the impact of AI. Finally, in collaboration with the Office of the President and IDEA Office, a second training was held for department chairs. This time, the focus was on the development of committee charter and bylaws documents, which is connected to College Council's ongoing work to update the Institutional Effectiveness Manual.

##### Classified Senate President's Report – Chris Westbay

Classified Senate President Westbay reported that Classified Senate met since the last Board of Trustees meeting and is whole again after replacing departing senators. Malcom Dixon and Jordan Rodriguez are new senators. The Classified Senate has started preparing for elections and its emeritus process. They also plan to review their constitution and bylaws. Classified Senate President Westbay reported that the group is preparing for the Spring Gala, to which they traditionally donate a silent auction item. This year, it will be an original print from a student photographer. Classified Senate President Westbay reported that the classified employee scholarship application is open. The award is \$500 for a permanent classified employee taking three units or more from an accredited school. Applications are due February 6. Classified Senate was involved with Ask Me booths this week; Caring Campus coordinated the Ask Me booths this week. Classified Senate President Westbay praised Melanie Fierro and Meredith Marasco for chairing the effort with the support of Magian Smith. Finally, the Classified Senate is having a fundraiser at Chipotle on East Ave. on February 21. A portion of purchases will go to the Classified Professional Development and Scholarship Fund.

##### Student Trustee Comment – Liz Heaton

Student Trustee Heaton reported that Student Life held Welcome Days this week; she attended to interact with students. Student clubs will host a series of monthly breakfasts this semester. She noted that Student Senate will start a program called Tabling Tuesdays to interact with students and recruit for upcoming elections; there are four vacancies. The first Associated Students meeting will be Tuesday, January 30. Student Trustee Heaton concluded by recognizing the Student Life Office for showing up for students during a difficult time.

##### Vice President Report – None

##### Superintendent/President's Report – Virginia Guleff

Superintendent/President Guleff reported that Diego Navarro, who helps colleges implement Guided Pathways, provided the keynote presentation to faculty on Institute Day. He will provide several professional development opportunities at the college as part of the Light to Inspire program. She noted that Convocation was held January 17, and the college continues to make progress on its year of connecting to community. Ryan Bentz, Glenn County Superintendent of Schools, with whom the college is partnering on several initiatives, attended Convocation. Superintendent/President Guleff noted that the vice presidents did a wonderful job during their presentations making connections between the strategic plan and work happening at the college.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported that ACCJC notified Butte College that its accreditation has been reaffirmed following the submission of the 18-month follow-up report in response to a finding about employee evaluations. She noted that many people contributed and recognized the efforts of Vice President Shearer and Executive Director of Human Resources, Chris Little, and all the managers who worked to catch up on evaluations.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported that Butte College's welding program hosted its annual Arc Exposure event in January with two, two-day sessions. More than 100 high school students came to campus to see the facilities and meet instructors. Superintendent/President Guleff noted that it is a great outreach event. She also reported that the music department is also doing great things. Instructor Ryan Heimlich received the California Music Education Association's John Swain College Educator Award. Instructor Hesam Abedini's student John Paul Bowers won second place in the 2023 Music Association of California Community Colleges' Composition Competition.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported that at the end of the fall semester she hosted holiday cookie events on campus and attended the RN pinning ceremony. She attended the Butte College Crab Feed last weekend and will attend a CCLC conference with several trustees this weekend.

### Board Comments

Trustee Boeger thanked the people who worked on the strategic plan, noting that a lot of hard work went into it. He added that he's pleased to see the basketball team's success and #1 ranking. Trustee Dahlmeier indicated that he's excited to start a new semester and hopes everyone is rested and ready. Board Vice President McGinnis reported that having seen the accrediting commission summary report, he's grateful Butte College was able to reaffirm its accreditation, which is a lot of hard work. He added that he's taking another class this semester and suggested providing more information to students about the bookstore transition. He concluded that he recently learned about an AI product called Turbo Learn, and is concerned that technology is going to be very difficult to keep up with. Board Clerk Blacklock indicated that he attended the crab feed, which he noted is always a lot of fun. He particularly enjoyed interacting with student athletes. Trustee Krepelka reported feeling inspired by the board retreat and convocation. He noted that the Spring Gala is March 2, and encouraged people to get tickets early. Trustee Krepelka indicated that the energy from the vice presidents and the Foundation during the board retreat was fantastic, adding that he's excited about the future of the Foundation. Board President Massa reported that he attended the North State Economic Forecast conference and was surprised to hear the focus on education in our area and how it will provide a strong foundation for economic growth.

### **5. Communications from the Public**

There were no public comments.

### **6. Contracts**

#### **Approval of Contracts, Item 6.1**

It was moved by Trustee Dahlmeier, seconded by Board Clerk Blacklock to approve the contracts listed on the Contracts Approval Report and authorize the Superintendent/President or designee to enter into the contracts in accordance with Board Policy 6340 prior to ratification by the Board at a subsequent meeting contingent upon available funding and successful completion of negotiation of terms with the contractors.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

#### **Approval to Contract with the California Department of Social Services for General Child Care & Development Program Funding 2024-2025, Resolution 820, Item 6.2**

It was moved by Board Vice President McGinnis, seconded by Trustee Nock, to approve resolution 820 for Approval to Contract with the California Department of Social Services for General Child Care & Development Program Funding 2024-2025. Student Trustee Heaton asked if this is continuous or one-time funding, noting that students have ideas about how it could be used to benefit students. Dean Denise Adams explained that this grant pays for childcare for low-income students and families, and the funds have already been allocated. It's a grant the Child Development Center has received for several years.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Massa, McGinnis, Blacklock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Nock

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

**Approval of Contract to Purchase Information Technology Goods and Services from ePlus Technology, Inc., Utilizing State of California Participating Addendum Number 7-20-70-47-04, Item 6.3**

It was moved by Board Clerk Blacklock, seconded by Trustee Krepelka to approve the contract to purchase information technology goods and services from ePlus Technology, Inc., utilizing State of California Participating Addendum Number 7-20-70-47-04 in accordance with Board Policy 6340.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

**7. Administration**

**Approval of the Butte College Strategic Plan, Item 7.1**

It was moved by Board Vice President McGinnis, seconded by Board Clerk Blacklock, to approve the Butte College Strategic Plan.

Motion carried unanimously. Student trustee – aye.

**8. Closed Session**

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District did not meet for closed session.

**9. Adjournment**

Board President Massa adjourned the meeting at 3:32 PM.